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OUTLINES.

The committee which investigated the insurance scandals, made its report yesterday to the New York Legislature; the report suggests remedial legislation for the rights of stockholders and among other things suggests the prohibition of political contributions and unwise syndicate operations——Senator Knox sprung in the Senate yesterday a new railway rate bill, the new feature of which provides for appeal by the railroads from findings of the Inter-State Commerce Commission; the House occupied the day in debate on several questions, one of the speakers being Representative Prince, of Illinois, who declared that the President and Senate are responsible for $2,700,000 graft for the benefit of army officers——At the divorce congress in Washington yesterday, it was agreed to recommend that divorced persons be not permitted to marry within one year after a decree of divorce shall have been granted——Mr. and Mrs. Longworth reached Havana yesterday and were cordially welcomed by officials representing President Palma——The joint resolution to restore to North Carolina archives taken by Federal troops during the Civil War has passed both houses of Congress——The date for the Confederate reunion in New Orleans remains April 26th to 27th——The Jospeh Wheeler memorial meeting will occur in Atlanta March 26th, President Roosevelt being invited as one of the speakers——In the Greene and Gaynor trial at Savannah yesterday, Captain A. J. Twiggs admitted that he accepted $500 from Greene and Gaynor not to bid against them for river and harbor work——Mell Atkins and his uncle and Mrs. B. H. Aiken have been put in jail at Washington, Ga., the evidence being that Mrs. Aiken conspired with the two men to murder her husband who was recently boldly shot on the highway ——The German Rechstag yesterday passed to its first and second reading the proposal which avoids a tariff war with the United States——Governor Stokes, of New Jersey, headed a commission which yesterday visited Norfolk and selected the site for the Jersey building at the Jamestown exposition grounds——In Washington yesterday Representative Blackburn, Republican, of North Carolina, issued a statement concerning his indictment in Asheville, and declaring that he has neither violated the letter nor spirit of the law——The Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce will to-day vote on the railway rate bill, but the Knox bill yesterday has complicated matters and the committee seems to be at sea.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 22, 1906.

Meterological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Thursday, Feb. 22nd.

Temperature at 8 A. M., 44 degrees; 8 P. M., 51 degrees; Maximum, 62 degrees; Minimum, 47 degrees; Mean, 54 degree.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since first of month to date, 2.81.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., Thursday, 9.4 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair; warmer Friday. Saturday fair; warmer in east portion; winds becoming south and fresh.

PORT ALMANAC—Feb 23.

Sun Rises ..... 6:41 A. M.
Sun Sets ..... 5:48 P. M.
Day's Length ..... 10 hrs. 56 min.
High Water at Southport .. 8:42 P. M.
High Water at Wilmington 11:12 P. M.

The men who give good advice and set a poor example haven't got many men to throw stones at them.

The Senate has passed the pure food bill but that doesn't make us sit up as straight as if it would pass a cheap beef bill.

"What airs do women prefer?" asks a musical writer. They seem to be somewhat discriminating in favor of the millionaire.

From the Republican standpoint, very few Federal offices in North Carolina are worth the exposure that an effort to get them will entail.

When Nick Longworth gets to be known only as President Roosevelt's son-in-law, he will begin to realize what matrimony will ead a man to.

"We must husband our water," says a scientist. That's so, for when we come to think of it water hasn't got very many men married to it.

It would appear that the board bill of the American delegates to the Moroccan convention will continue to grow if they don't come home to save expenses.

It is not necessary to suspect a man but it is the better part of discretion to consider whether he has any motive to serve or any axe to grind when he gets busy.

Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, had to introduce a railroad rate bill in the Senate yesterday, granting the railroads the right of appeal from findings of the Inter-State Comerce Commission. That is like shaking a tarmine flag in the countenance of a bovine, when we think of Senator Tillman.

The doctors have named a new disease among women as "millinery hystera," and we have seen a new style of hat this season that is liable to bring on the disease. The Baltimore Herald describes this hat as follows: "The Spring style of headgear for women is out. We saw it on the street this morning. It consists of a sort of two-story hen's nest, with an owl's eyebrow on one side, the caudal appendage of a cross-eyed bandy rooster on the other, and a few festooned persimmons forming a picturesque background."

HORRIBLE DEATH

W[illegible] A. Eckels, Junk Dealer, Found Dead in Place of Business Yesterday

RODENTS ATTACKED BODY

Death Resulted from Acute Gastritis—Lived With Only Sister in This City and Left Reasonably Large Estate.

Alone in his junk store, on the south side of Chesnut street, just below the Southern National Bank building, in the wharf district, William A. Eckels, a well known citizen, met a horrible death night before last. His body, the hands and face mutilated by rats or ferrets of which there were a great number in the place, was found between 9 and 10 o'clock yesterday morning by Police Sergeant J. R. Hardee, who was passing the place and found the front door ajar as if the store had been entered by some unauthorized person the night before or in the early morning.

Sergeant Hardee, little dreaming of the horrible spectacle that was to meet his eye, went in, saw no evidence of confusion and turned into a small office enclosure on the right side of the door, next to the street. There besides a sofa, from which he had evidently rolled during the night, lay the lifeless form of Mr. Eckels, face downward, his right arm under his body, the left extended. The flesh of one of the hands was torn to the bone, the right ear was eaten nearly off and there were several marks of violence on the scalp, evidently the work of the rodents.

Sergeant Hardee lost no time in communicating with Dr. C. T. Harper, city superintendent of health, who made a casual examination of the body and in turn notified Dr. Bell, the coroner. Dr. Bell investigated all the circumstances of the death and found no evidence of foul play. Death was pronounced as the result of acute gastritis. Mr. Eckels had led the life of a recluse for many years and at times drank heavily. He went into his place early Wednesday night, lay down on the sofa and evidently was attacked with gastritis during the night, rolling off the sofa to the floor, no doubt, in a paroxysm of pain. In his weakened condition he was an easy prey for the rodents which infest the place. Mr. Eckels had frequently remarked that the place was full of ferrets, placed there to exterminate the rats, and he had signified his intention of using a parlor rifle to rid the store of them.

As soon as Dr. Bell had viewed the remains and found that no inquest was necessary, the remains were taken in charge by Funeral Director James F. Woolvin and prepared for burial in his establishment on Third street, later, taking them to the home of Mrs. A. W. Watson, the only relative of the deceased, at No. 612 Grace streets. Mr. Eckels was unmarried and made his home at Mrs. Watson's. He was a native of Wilmington, of German extraction and had lived here all his life. He would have been 50 years of age next May. He leaves an estate variously estimated from $25,000 to $35,000, his holdings having consisted largely of mortgages on real estate in the city. He lost several thousand dollars in bank failures years ago and chose real estate security for his investments since that time.

The funeral of Mr. Eckels will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of his sister, and the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

COMING NEXT WEEK.

Davis-Goodwin Company, the Popular Price Entertainers at the Theatre.

For four nights next week the Academy will offer the Davis-Goodwin Company, which is said to be an excellent popular price attraction. For the opening bill, Monday night, the company will present a modern drama, "A Daughter of Satan." The piece is one new to local theatre-goers and is strong in both comedy and dramatic force. The company includes probably more specialty artists than any popular price organization that has played the Academy this season and these artists will present up-to-date vaudeville between acts of the different productions. In this clever corps of specialty people is the Great Levola, who is a daring trick slack wire performer.

The sale of seats for Monday night's performance will commence to-morrow morning.

Debate by Clover Club.

An interesting debate of the question "Resolved that riches produce more crime than poverty" was enjoyed last night by the Clover Club in its hall, Fifth and Castle streets. The affirmative was argued by Messrs. Woodus Kellum, P. D. Jenkins, and W. D. Holmes, while the negative was championed by Messrs. J. H. Curtis D. E. Costin and C. W. Taylor. The judges were Messrs. Malcolm Parker, J. W. Curtis and W. E. Cook and it is a compliment to the young gentlemen debating the question that the committee was unable to reach a decision. A verdict for "mistrial" was entered by the secretary and a less perplexing subject was chosen for discussion next time.

Prominent Officials Here.

General Superintendent Morton Riddle, General Freight Agent James Menzies and Col. W. E. Kay, assistant general counsel, all prominent officials of the Second Division of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, spent yesterday at the headquarters of the system in this city. Messrs. Riddle and Menzies travelled in Private Car 305 and were accompanied by their secretaries, Messrs. T. E. LePage and S. H. Preston. Col. Kay's headquarters are in Jacksonville, Fla.; the others, in Savannah, Ga. They left last night, going north as far as Wilson, having their car attached to the through train South there.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Stone & Co.—Grain and Hay.
J. M. Solky & Co.—Stylish Hats.
Warren's Steam Bakery—Bananas.
Wilmington Lodge, A. F. & A. M.—Meeting.
Academy of Music—Davis-Goodwin Company.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Silk Muffler.
Wanted—Salesman.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Holiday Very Generally Observed—Golf Tournament on Cape Fear Links—Sports by Cutter's Crew.

The natal day of the "Father of Our Country" was very generally observed in Wilmington yesterday. The day was a perfect one and very conducive to outdoor recreation, which was enjoyed by not a few who were so fortunate as to have holiday. The city schools were dismissed at noon or before, the banks, a few business places and county and municipal offices were closed for at least a part of the day and those who had the brief respite from duty enjoyed the day very much.

The suburban cars had charms for many and large crowds were handled for the beach and the Cape Fear golf links where tea was served to club members and the annual Washington Birthday mixed foursome was played by devotees of the sport. The tournament, which was for the handsome cup offered by the club, resulted in a tie for the prize betwen Mr. Richard Bradley, Mr. Hugh MacRae, Mr. Chas. McMillen and Mrs. E. H. Silliman. Each scored 49 and the play-off will probably take place to-morrow afternoon.

The day was notable on the U. S. Revenue Cutter Seminole, which is moored at the Custom House wharf. A National salute greeted the approach of the day and during the morning members of the crew enjoyed a series of athletic sports. The first event was a boat race on the river over a course of about a mile in the ship's gig and in the cutter. The gig's crew was made up of Daniel Chudson, stroke; C. Hanson, F. Janson, L. Johanneson, G. Morberg, and Tobiason, coxswain; the cutter's crew: Thomas Creely, stroke, Charles Keiller, O. Evanson, T. Hendrickson, George Boniface, and Davie Johanneson, coxswain. The cutter won by about 200 yards, the prize having been a case of beer and box of cigars.

In an amusing sack race on the wharf Parmontiere won first prize; Norberg, second. The potato race was won by Crealey, first; Keiller, second. Knudson and Janson won first in the three-legged race and Keiller and Evanson, second. There were five entries for the pie-eating contest. The ship's cook put up a huge joke on the pie eaters, but Parmontiere won first money and Herbert Spencer, second, in spite of the joke which was a bit of canvas cooked in each pie. In the afternoon the crew had rifle practice on the wharf, rounding out a great day of it for the jolly tars.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Other Local on Fourth Page

—Nine cases were disposed of in the Mayor's court yesterday but none of them was important.

—The steamer Frostburg, of the Baltimore & Carolina Steamship Company, sailed yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock for Georgetown S. C., and will proceed from there to Baltimore, Md.

—Chief of Police E. P. Briggs, of Summerton, S. C., arrived yesterday and took back with him in the afternoon the negro, Will Adams, arrested here for the Clarendon county authorities, upon a charge of disposing of mortgaged property.

—The schooner Jno. S. Deering and Lizzie H. Partrick cleared yesterday for New York and Philadelphia, respectively, the former with 622,000 feet of lumber from the Angola mill and the latter with 325 cords of poplar wood for the American Pulp Co.

—A demonstration of the famous "La Greeque" corsets is being made by an expert demonstrator at the store of Messrs. Platt & Haar, on Market street. The ladies of the city are cordially invited to visit the store and meet the demonstration in charge.

—Southport Herald: "Mr. Parish, of Red Springs, moved here last week. Mr. Parish is a timber contractor and will furnish timber for the Town Creek Railroad and Timber Co. The Town Creek Railroad and Lumber Co., is to commence operation in a few weeks."

—The first shipment of Spring lettuce was made yesterday from the experiment farm of Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., on the suburban line. It consisted of 22 baskets and was consigned S. S. Dorman, of Philadelphia. Lettuce is now bringing from $4 to $6 per basket.

DELIGHTFUL ORGAN RECITAL.

Large and Cultured Audience Charmed at St. Andrew's Church.

The organ recital last evening in Saint Andrew's Presbyterian church by Mr. Edward H. Munson, organist at St. James', assisted by Mrs. Anne DeR. Harris, soprano; Mr. John F. Kneissel, violinist, and Mr. Alf. H. Yopp, pianist, was a delightful affair in every respect. It was in honor of the recent installation of the handsome new pipe organ and the church was crowded with delighted auditors.

Mr. Munson added to his already established reputation as a skilled organist of admirable touch and those who assisted him made a charming ensemble of the whole. The programme follows:

1.—March Processional ..E. Guriaud.
2.—Romance ..Wm. Henry Richmond.
3.—O, Divine Redeemer.....Gounod.
Mrs. Anne DeR. Harris.
Violin Organ Piano.
Mr. Kneissel Mr. Munson Mr. Yopp.
4.—Bridal Song .....Jas. H. Rogers.
5.—Romanza in D Major ....Thome
Mr. Kneissel.
Intermission.
1.—Scherzo in D ...Filippo Capocci.
2.—A Springtime Sketch.....
.....John Hyatt Brewer.
3.—Variations on America .....
4.—Sortie in G Major..Jas. H. Rogers

Jr. O. U. A. M. at Salisbury.

A special from Salisbury says: "The State Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, at its session to-night, definitely decided to build and maintain an orphanage. The selection of a site and the working out of details have been placed in the hands of a special committee which will report later. It is the concensus of opinion that the orphanage will go to Durham, which has so far made the best offer, $6,000 in cash and a 10-acre site. At to-night's session it was unanimously decided to hold next year's session at Fayetteville. Mr. Wm. J. Bellamy remains chairman of the orphans' committee for a period of five years.

Quit being your own "handy-man"—advertise for one.

FREIGHT CAR WRECK

Smash of Rolling Stock in Collision on Upper Coast Line Yards Yesterday

YARD CLERK WAS INJURED

Johnnie Liles Had Both Arms Broken by Leap from Engine—20,000 Gallons of Oil Lost from Tank Car.

The tender of a shifting engine and a car laden with guano were demolished, while two other box cars loaded with fertilizers and strawberry crates and a tank car of the Standard Oil Company were badly damaged in an ugly wreck that occurred on the upper Atlantic Coast Line yards, at Ninth and Nixon streets, about 300 yards west of the Castle Haynes county road crossing at 12:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Johnnie Liles, 17-years old, a yard clerk suffered a fracture of both arms just above the wrists, having jumped from the shifting engine when he saw the wreck inevitable. No one else was injured. Twenty or thirty thousand gallons of kerosene oil escaped to the ground through a hole knocked in the end of the tank car. The property loss by reason of the wreck, the responsibility for which has not yet been fixed by the railroad officials, who are making an investigation, will be in the neighborhood of $1,800. A wrecking train was sent out from the shops and the track was cleared by 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon. No passenger trains were delayed by the block of the main line as sidings were used around the wreckage.

There is a very heavy movement of freight on all lines of the A. C. L. now, and all available sidings are full of cars. While General Yardmaster C. W. Kenly was making up trains yesterday, it was necessary to use part of the main line tracks, however, inside the yard limits. Engine 128, in charge of Assistant Yardmaster Alexander and Engineman Wilson was proceeding to the Union depot with a "cut" or string of cars for the Southern freight. In some way the engine ran into the cars on the main line, one of the boxes riding up on the engine the front end and rear coming clear of the track and making a most interesting sight, which was viewed by many spectators during the day including a number of prominent railroad officials from the general offices. The result of the crash is told above. Just how the collision occurred is not quite clear, but the whole matter has been made the subject of investigation by the railway authorities.

Johnnie Liles, the yard clerk, was a manly little fellow and was known to many people in Wilmington because of his having been for several years a messenger boy for the Postal Telegraph Company. He was bright, industrious and polite. He was taken to the hospital soon after the accident and was resting very quietly last night.

BLACKBURN'S STATEMENT

Republican Congressman Denies That He Violated Either Spirit or Letter of Law.

Washington, Feb. 22—Representative Spencer Blackburn, of North Carolina, tonight made a statement reiterating his denial of the charges contained in the indictment returned against him at Asheville, yesterday, alleging that he practiced before the Treasury Department and received fees therefor in violation of law. He says he will give the matter of the charges against him his personal attention and will be ready for action when the time arrives for it. Mr. Blackburn's statement follows:

"I have violated no law of the land either in letter or spirit. I filed charges furnished me by responsible parties with the judiciary committee of the Senate against the present District Attorney for the western district of North Carolina when his name was sent to the Senate. This was done in accordance with the wishes of the people of my district and my State as a result of which I learn that within the last one or two days a bill of indictment has proceeded against me at Asheville at a special term of the grand jury, before which the District Attorney, according to the papers of the State, appeared in person. I have violated no law of the land, as I have stated before, either in letter or in spirit, and the extreme animosity of men who hold Federal positions, against whom I have never done anything, cannot prejudice the minds of the people of my State against me because of what I have done for them. I shall continue to stay with the people and serve their interests as best I can."

MEETS AT TOXAWAY.

Bankers Go There For Summer—The Cotton Association.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22.—The next annual session of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will be held at Toxaway June 19th, 20th, and 21st. This decision was reached this afternoon at a meeting of the executive committee at the Yarborough Hotel. Morehead and Toxaway were the places considered and it required a recess of the committee to await replies to important telegrams sent during the morning session to settle the matter in favor of Toxaway.

During the recess there was a banquet at 2 o'clock, served complimentary to the visiting bankers by the members of the Raleigh Clearing House, and it was quite an elaborate affair. The guests were welcomed by Colonel Charles E. Johnson, on the part of the Raleigh bankers, and the response was by Mr. C. N. Evans, of Wilmington, president of the Association and chairman of the committee.

Chairman H. C. Dockery, of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, to-day announced that President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Association, will spend three days in North Carolina, speaking at Tarboro, Goldsboro, March 2nd, and Raleigh, March 3rd.

The State offices were closed to-day in honor of Washington's birthday.

Keep in Good Health.

By spending an afternoon at Lumina now and then. The Beach is delightful at this time of the year. **

B'NAI B'RITH ANNIVERSARY

Delightful Celebration Last Night In Harmony Circle Club Rooms By North State Lodge No. 222.

North State Lodge No. 222, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, last night most auspiciously celebrated the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the order, in the Harmony Circle club rooms, on the second floor of the MacRae building, on Front street. The attendance was unusually large, both ladies and gentlemen having been present, and the festivities having continued until an early hour this morning.

Distiguishing features of the celebration were addresses by the Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, on the principles and doctrines of the order; Mr. Isaac Bear, president of the District Grand Lodge on the good of the order, and Mr. Albert Rothschild upon the orphanage feature of the work of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Rothschild began by saying he spoke at his own solicitation, partly as a duty he owed the great institution of B'nai B'rith and partly to show his appreciation of acceptance as a member of the lodge. He paid high tribute to the Cleveland Orphan Asylum at Cleveland, Ohio, where four members of his family, including himself were brought up. Were he to furnish statistics and figures in an effort to expound the good work done by the order, he said, it would take a volume. Pleasing reference was made by Mr. Rothschild to his school-mate, the scholarly Dr. Edward Calish, of Richmond, who directly attributes his fabbinical career to the orphan asylum in which he was brought up. Mr. Rothschild closed with a reference not only to the great good accompanied by B'nai B'rith in this country but the work done for the Hebrew people abroad. He recalled the recent deep interest manifested by the local and National lodge for the afflicted in Russia. Mr. Rothschild's address was one of the most pleasing of the evening and he was enthusiastically applauded.

Between each address there was music and upon conclusion of the formalities, an elegant repast was served, after which dancing and pleasant social intercourse was enjoyed.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Austin Clark, of Elizabethtown is a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. J. C. Smith, of Harris Springs, was among yesterday's arrivals.

—Mr. J. A. Schachner, of Charlotte, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

—Louis Goodman, Esq., returned last night from a professional visit to Atlanta.

—Mr. G. M. Pate and wife, of Rowland, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. W. B. Swindell, of Greensboro, was among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton.

—Mr. John A. Stanton, of Clarkton, arrived last night and is a guest at The Orton.

—Miss Lucy Burkheimer has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Springfield, Mass.

—Miss Mary Hergenrother has gone to Baltimore, Md., where she will spend some time quite pleasantly with relatives and friends.

—Mr. H. J. Gerken and Capt. T. C. Lewis will leave this afternoon for Hampton Springs, Fla., where they will spend a month.

—Mrs. P. A. Bishop has returned to her home at Selma, N. C., after a very pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. C. N. Hocutt, of Scott's Hill.

—Mr. C. P. Parker, chairman of the Board County Commissioners and one of the leading citizens of Bladen county, was in the city yesterday.

—Whiteville Reporter: "Louis Goodman, Esq., of the firm of Russell & Goodman, Wilmington, was in town several days this week on professional business."

—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Schloss and Mr. and Mrs. B. Solomon, who have been on a delightful trip of three weeks through Florida and in Cuba, returned home last evening.

—Mr. Aaron Sallings, a popular young drug clerk of this city, formerly with Mr. D. Archie Bulluck, has gone to Ashpole, N. C., where he has taken a position in the pharmacy of Messrs. Stephens & Singletary.

—Whiteville Reporter: "Senator Brooke G. Empie and Geo. H. Howell, Esq., of Wilmington, came down yesterday for a bird hunt. Their hunt was interrupted by the rain, and they had but little luck."

—Miss Bessie Gore leaves this morning for Chapel Hill where she will attend the February dance of the University German Club and the annual banquet of the Gimghoul Society. She will return in time to conduct the Saturday night social of her dancing classes as usual.

—Editor Z. W. Whitehead, of the Southern Lumber Journal, has returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where he attended a meeting of the Georgia Inter-State Saw Mill Association. One of the important features of the convention was consideration of a proposition from an Italian Immigration Society in New York to furnish all the labor necessary in the territory embraced by the Association.

—Mount Olive Tribune: "Mr. N. J. Northam, of Wrightsville, near Wilmington, spent several hours of last Monday in Mount Olive. He lived here more than twenty years ago, and is pleasantly remembered by many of our older citizens, who were delighted to see him. Mr. Northam is one of the most successful truckers of the Wilmington section, and says that the lettuce crop there this season, shipments of which will begin soon, is very promising."

GEORGIA HAS SENSATION.

Man's Wife Was in Conspiracy to Murder Her Husband.

Washington, Ga., Feb. 22.—Mell Adkins, his uncle, Alexander Adkins, and Mrs. B. H. Aiken have been arrested in this county for complicity in the mysterious shooting and almost fatal injuring of B. H. Aiken, on a public road in this county, February 10th. A private detective who has been working on the case says that he has notes that passed between Mrs. Aiken and Mell Adkins, showing that a conspiracy existed between the two. It is stated that others may be involved. All three men are prominent farmers. The two men have been lodged in jail here. Aiken refuses to believe his wife's alleged complicity in the crime.

Warranty deeds for sale at the Star office tf**

ON TO SOUTHPORT

Preliminary Survey Just Completed Believed to Be Beginning of Great Scheme

BY THE SEABOARD AIR LINE

From East Arcadia to Deep Water and Connection With South and Western at Rutherfordton—Gigantic Scheme Unfolds.

A corps of Seaboard Air Line engineers headed by Mr. Echols McBee, have just completed the preliminary survey for the extension of a railroad line from East Arcadia, 33 miles west of Wilmington, to Southport, a distance of 36 miles, across Brunswick and upper Columbus counties.

The project is believed to be a part of the Seaboard Air Line's plan to develop at Southport a great coaling station, the extension giving the Seaboard with its connection at Rutherfordton with the South and Western, a direct line into the vast coal fields of Tennessee. Recently a report gained currency in Northern railway circles that the South and Western was really owned by the Seaboard and the completion of the preliminary survey to deep water at Southport from a point on the Wilmington division appears to be a confirmation of these reports, which are already pretty well authenticated in well informed circles.

Some time ago in these columns, the presence of the Seaboard engineers on the survey through Brunswick was noted, but not until lately was the objective point known nor was the survey so obviously a part of the Seaboard's plan toward the development of a coaling station at deep water.

The survey party reached Southport yesterday, eighteen in number with assistants. The line runs southeast from East Arcadia through a fine timber section and crosses the W. C. & A. road of the Coast Line near the famous Chadbourn and Whiteville trucking belt. The proposed line would open to the Seaboard a large area of what is believed to be the equal of any trucking soil in the entire east and should the road be built, the development of Brunswick would be marvellous.

While the engineers, of course, are not authorized to speak with authority as to the Southport extension, it is known the survey has been very thorough and right of way privileges have been asked with a through line to the coal fields in view. The survey, coupled with the report as to the real ownership of the South and Western, is regarded as very significant in railway circles.

East Arcadia was formerly Mariville and was established by Mr. J. C. Stanley in the edge of Bladen county. The proposed road would pass through the upper end of Columbus and diagonally across the county of Brunswick. Interesting developments may be looked for in the next few weeks.

ANSWERED LAST ROLL CALL.

Gallant Confederate Veteran Enters Into Rest on Namesake's Birthday.

Mr. George W. Woodcock, a well known citizen and a gallant Confederate soldier, passed away suddenly at 6:10 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, No. 212 Harnett street, aged 70 years. Mr. Woodcock had been in poor health for some time and while his death was not unexpected, the suddenness of it came as a great shock to the family and friends. Mr. Woodcock was seated in a chair, was seen to topple and fall and was dead from heart failure before a physician could reach him.

Deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. E. A. Lewis and Mrs. M. A. Woodcock, of Atkinson, N. C.; Mrs. J. Frank Sutphand, of this city; also three sons, Messrs. P. C. and H. M. Woodcock, of Savannah, and Mr. W. P. Woodcock, of this city.

Mr. Woodcock, during the war was a sergeant in Co. E, 18th N. C. Regiment, one of the finest body of Confederate troops in the service. He was a member of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, U. C. V., of this city, and in honor of their comrade, members of that command will assemble at the family residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral as a body. The services will be by Rev. J. A. McKaughan, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, assisted by Dr. Hale, of the First church. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

It is singular that Mr. Woodcock should have been named for George Washington, the "Father of His Country" and that his death should have occurred while all the country was celebrating the birthday of the great American hero.

Masonic Temple Elevator.

A contract has been awarded to the Warren Elevator Co., of Cincinnati, for the installation in the Masonic Temple, of this city, a modern electric elevator, reaching all floors. The work will be completed within the next 90 days.

The Virginia Senate yesterday passed without dissent the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac merger bills, which authorize a new charter for the road indicated, the sale of the State's interest in the road and a merger with other lines.

DIED.

ECKELS—In this city Thursday, February 22nd, WILLIAM A. ECKELS, aged 49 years, 9 months and 2 days.

Funeral this (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock from residence of Mr. A. W. Watson, 612 Grace street. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

Announcement!

Having sold my interest in the firm of Hugh MacRae & Co., I beg to announce that I will open an office in the Southern Biulding, 4th floor, for the transaction of a general brokerage business under the firm name of C. P. Bolles & Co., and will deal in high grade Southern Investments.

C. P. BOLLES, Jr.
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ANNIVERSARY SALE TO CONTINUE ONE WEEK. ANNIVERSARY SALE TO CONTINUE ONE WEEK.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMP'Y,
1905. "The Store That's Always Busy." 1906.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD OUR
Anniversary Sale One Week Longer
FEBRUARY 19TH TO 24TH.

To give every one an opportunity to secure real bargains, we shall continue our Anniversrsay Sale held last week for one week longer. This is done in order to reduce our stock, before the arrival of our New Spring Goods.

Our buyers leave for the Northern markets during this week, and special orders given shall have their careful attention.

DOUBLE TRADING STAMPS ON MONDAY—, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ON ALL CASH SALES.

SPECIAL HOUR SALES.

ON TUESDAY, FEB. 20TH, FROM 10 to 11 O'CLOCK.
We will place on sale 75 doz. Ladies Extra Fine Hose, put up in boxes bought to sell three (3) pairs for $1.00, special anniversary price for this hour three (3) pair for 69c., limit two (2) boxes to a costumer.

ON THURSDAY, FEB. 22D, FROM 10 to 11 O'CLOCK.
We will sell our regular $1.00 to $1.25 Kid Gloves for Ladies, Gent's and Children; limit two (2) to a customer; Anniversary Sale Price one hour 89c., per pair.

ON SATURDAY, FEB. 24TH, FROM 10 to 11 O'CLOCK.
We will sell 500 Hassocks made of Velvet and Moquet Carpets worth 75c.; Anniversary Sale Price one hour 25c. each; limit two (2) to a customer.
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Ship Load Guano!
3,700 Bags 8-2-2 Martin Cotton Grower, by Schooner Brazos, now discharging at S. A. L. Docks.
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A FRESH LOT MADE UP EVERY WEEK.
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FOUR NIGHTS COMMENCING, Monday Night, Feb. 26th.
The Davis-Goodwin Co.
Opening Bill Monday Night
"A DAUGHTER OF SATAN."
Bright and Sparkling Specialties Will Be Introduced Between Acts.
10——20——30 Cents.
Seats for Monday night on sale Saturday.
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1,400 Bushels Mixed Feed Oats.
1,250 Bushel Golden Oats.
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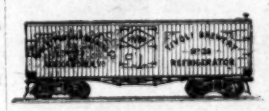
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Call early and secure a bargain.
Get our prices on Guano, Sulphate and Muriate Potash, Nitrate Soda.
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MASONIC TEMPLE
Wilmington Lodge No. 319.
A. F. and A. M.
Feb. 23, 1906
Convenes in emergent communication this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock P. M., for work in the E. A. Degree. Visiting Brethren cordially invited.
By order W. M.
E. NORFLEET,
fe23-1t Secretary.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Friday Morning, Feb. 23.

THE DIVORCE CONGRESS.

Our telegraphic dispatches from Washington are telling us about the proceedings of the divorce congress which was called at the instance of Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvinia. The object of the convention or congress is to agree upon a uniform divorce law for all the States, as it seems that the question is not considered one on which there can be national legislation.

The divorce evil has grown to be so perilous to the home life of America that the public conscience has been aroused, and it might be interesting to note that the matter has taken the shape of a convention of delegates from all parts of the United States. This congress is the first of the kind that ever assembled in this country and the deep interest in it is shown from the fact that forty-two of the forty-five States are represented. Judging from the fact that Mr. Jack McGee, of South Carolina, arose on Wednesday to correct somebody's reference to his State, we infer that even South Carolina is represented in the convention, although the Palmetto State has no divorce law of any description and divorce cannot be secured in that State upon any ground whatsoever.

The divorce congress has a big work ahead of it, owing to the great differences in the divorce and marriage laws in the different States. Governor Pennypacker, however, greatly simplified the understanding of the situation when he appointed a commission from his State to examine and codify, so to speak, the divorce laws of the different States. In this way the congress has before it all the laws of the different States, bearing upon the question, and it will aid greatly in coming to some harmonious measure to be recommended to the various State Legislatures.

It would appear that when the congress agrees upon the frame of a universal divorce law, its next step would be to appoint lobbies to work on the different State Legislatures. At present a man or woman who secures a divorce may be a malefactor or malefactress in one State and a citizen of good standing in another, and we are sure that for the good of society there should be some general law to govern the question which so nearly concerns the home life of our country, which, after all, is the basis of civilization and government itself. The question of a uniform divorce law is one of great difficulty to solve but whether the present congress succeeds or not it may make a start in the right direction.

LET THEM KEEP UP THE FIGHT.

The Raleigh Times, discussing the seeming irreconcilable differences between the Republican factions in North Carolina, remarks:

"It is perhaps fortunate for the welfare of the national Republican organization that all States are not like North Carolina, for the conditoins here today are so terribly complicated that President Roosevelt may be tempted to ignore the ins and the outs and seek office-holding material from the ranks of the enemy. Of late Republican leaders have been giving Mr. Roosevelt the assurance that it is only a question of time before this State will be sailing along under the administration banner. We doubt that seriously, however, even when we remember that populism and the preaching of wild Democratic doctrine has been driving some good men away from the principles for which they have always stood. North Carolina is safely Democratic to-day. It will continue so in spite of the other party and in spite of our leaders, who seem to be blind. * * *

"Being Democratic always, The Evening Times has not worried itself over this row between the factions. Indeed, it is glad because a house divided against itself must sooner or later fall. And as the North Carolina Republicans continue to fight, the position of the Democratic party is more secure. We would be distressed if Rollins and Blackburn should sign a treaty of peace."

The Republican fight is getting to be spectacular and interesting, but it is their funeral and none of ours. That as if they do not carry their "rantangle" to the extent that President Roosevelt will throw both factions overboard and appoint Democrats to fill the offices. In that event the Republican row would get dangerous, for some of our Democrats might pack their knapsack and hike out for the Roosevelt party. Not enough of them might go over to hurt the Democratic party, but under the circumstances some good man might go wrong.

MRS. LONGWORTH SMOKES.

The Lexington (N. C.), Dispatch, of Wednesday, contains this item:

"That Mrs. Nicholas Longworth puffs a dainty cigarette is vouched for by three gentlemen, a dentist, a lawyer and a druggist, all good men and true. These saw her in her private car at Salisbury Monday night. The train, No. 29, was held from 9 o'clock until half past 1 because of a wreck at China Grove. They peeped at Mrs. Longworth through the window of her car and saw her sitting, stroking a dog with one bediamonded hand while she carried a cigarette to and from her lips with the other hand. Now what d'ye think of that!"

Lexington is on the Southern Railway down which the White House couple went to Florida, and Editor Varner is in a position to learn of such an item as the above. The Dispatch vouches for it but it would be bad if it turns out not to be true.

PRESS FOR SALE

A Cottrell & Babcock Cylinder press, bed 31x46, rack and screw distribution, will be sold at a very low price for cash to make way for a new and faster press. This is an old press but still does good work as may be seen by examination of the Star. Can be delivered, boxed for shipment, in March. May be seen in operation at the office.

Address Wm H. Bernard, Wilmington, N. C. tf.**

CURRENT COMMENT

—The "Floradora" sextet has broken out in a fresh place, this time one of the immortal six having married an English Baron.—Baltimore Sun.

—A dispatch yesterday said: "The train bearing Mrs. Longworth and husband arrived," etc. This is the unkindest cut of all.—Columbia Record

—The wind seeds sown years ago by a few labor unions on the Pacific coast may become the whirlwind that the whole nation will reap in China.—Chicago Post.

—Senator Aldrich is now being tartly referred to in Rhode Island journalism as the "so-called leader of the United States Senate." He deserves it.—Springfield Republican.

—It's a little far off to begin to talk about it, but there's going to be a warm time in old Charlotte on the 20th of next May. We just give this as a kind of a tip.—Charlotte News.

—That sound like a cross between the crunching of icebergs, and the wind hitting the mercury bulb at 40 below is the Fairbanks presidential boom getting under way.—New York Herald.

—The President makes it plain that he has not made any concession in his railway-rate plans. In other words, he would rather have a wreck on the main line than back onto a sidetrack and cut off the steam.—Washington Post.

—In one of the Tell-el-Amarna letters, written during the eighteenth dynasty, the King of Babylon accuses Amenophis III of Egypt, of sending him a mass of base metal for gold. He says: "The twenty minas of gold you sent me contained, when melted down, only five minas of pure gold."—London Post.

—The former football coach of Nebraska university has declined to return and work three months this year for $2,000. The average pay of Nebraska school teachers for three month is about $40 a month, or $120 for the quarter. But the young idea must be taught how to kick.—The Commoner.

—How can we pick out for defeat those Congressmen who ought to be defeated?' asks Lincoln Steffens. No trouble to pick them out, but if Mr. Steffens can pick out the proper way for defeating them, he can make his own terms with the chairman and treasurer of either of the Congressional committees.—Washington Post.

—It is melancholy news for George Peabody Wetmore, of Newport and New York, that Col. Samuel P. Colt, the "rubber king," is after his seat in the Senate. Colonel Colt was beaten for Governor by a mere Democrat, but carrying a Legislature is different from carrying a people.—Springfield Republican.

—They say in Washington that the President has come to honestly believe that he knows it all, and but for his guiding hand and advice the government would go to destruction Much designing flattery has evidently turned his head, and when he gets out he will probably be astonished to see how smoothly things will run along without him.—Columbia Record.

—President Roosevelt has promised to do all he can to preserve the grandeur of Niagara Falls. The side of the falls with which he has particularly to do has lost about all the grandeur the power companies can conveniently utilize. The friends of the cataract waited too long before undertaking to invoke his strenuousity in their cause.—Montreal Gazette.

—"One North Carolinian," says The Monroe Journal, "never knows what another is doing. Now who had any idea that there was a factory in this State making pins, the ordinary kind that we use in clothing? The Journal didn't know it until the other day, when a notice appeared that such a factory had been burned at wilkesboro, along with a large quantity of finished pins." If our recollection is right, this Wilkesboro factory turned out pins for cross arms of telegraph poles.—Charlotte Chronicle.

—The present management of the State penitentiary deserves praise for the way in which the affairs of that institution are mandled. Not only were all expenses paid last year, but a profit was made. We think the proposition to spend at least part of this money for the establishment of a State reformary for youthful criminals is based on sound common sense. Of course, such an institution would not reform every boy sent there, but it would do a splendid work even is it reformed some of them. There is no better way to spend money than for making good citizens out of those who might otherwise become hardened criminals.—Winston-Salem Sentinel.

A HARD ROW

And a long pull describes the pathway of a woman afflicted with female weakness unless she is under the care of a doctor who has had successful experience in the treatment of such cases or else has found the right remedy which can be safely used independently of the doctor.

Forty years ago, Dr. R. V. Pierce found that women were being grossly maltreated—mainly through ignorance and carelessness, and he determined to devote himself to study and research till he found the real cause of their suffering and a proper remedy for it.

He found it, and dug from Nature's Laboratory, the earth, *Nature's remedies* for woman's weaknesses and ailments. He found in Lady's Slipper root, Black Cohosh root, Unicorn root, Blue Cohosh root and Golden Seal root, the required ingredients.

The remedial virtues of these he extracted, combined and preserved by his own peculiar non-alcoholic, glyceric processes, and the compound is now known the world over, as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

"The wearing of corsets too tight seemed to have brought on an abdominal pressure, weakening the ligaments and resulting in displacement, which troubled me until I was not fit to walk, and at times could hardly stand," writes Mrs. Beverly Sligreaves, of 124 Fulton St., San Francisco, Cal. "A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Before the first bottle was used I felt much better. Improvement went steadily on, and within four months I was like a new and well woman once more. I am now perfectly well and strong, and extremely grateful to you for your blessed remedy—a boon to sick women."

A Great Doctor Book Free.—Send 21 one-cent stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo N. Y., to cover mailing and he will send you a free copy of his 1008-page Common Sense Medical Adviser, paper-covered. Cloth-covered 31 stamps.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the best and safest laxative for the use of delicate women.

SPECIAL RATES VIA SEABOARD AIR LINE TO SOUTHERN PINES.

Account of the Reunion of the Blue and the Gray to be held in Southern Pines, the Seaboard announces a rate of $3.85 from Wilmington for the round trip. Tickets on sale February 23 and 24, with final limit the 26th. For further information apply to

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TWINKLINGS.

—Our Curate (who is going to describe to us his little holiday in lovely Lucerne)—"My dear friends—I will not call you 'Ladies and Gentlemen,' since I know you too well."—Punch.

—On the Honeymoon.—Husband (as the train is emerging from a long tunnel)—Sweetheart, that tunnel cost a million dollars to build. Wife—Well, it's worth it.—Translated for Tales from Fliegende Blatter.

—Patience—I remember she was very backward in school. Has she improved any? Patrice—Well, I shouldn't call it an improvement, but she is very forward now.—Yonkers Statesman.

—Little Boy—"My mamma has so much money that she can buy everything she wants to." Little Girl—"That's nothing. My mamma is so rich she can buy all the things she doesn't want."—Puck.

—"Gracious!" exclaimed Mrs. Locutte's quiet husband, "that decollette gown is rather ultra." But don't I look well in it?" she demanded. "Doubtless; but, to my mind, you're too far out of it."—Philadelphia Press.

—Uncle Josiah—First time you ever milked a cow, is it? Well, you do it a thunderin' sight better than most city fellers do.' Visiting Nephew—It seems to come natural, somehow. I've had a good deal of practice with a fountain pen.—Chicago Tribune.

—Irate Wife—"I want to know, sir, what time it was when you got home last night?" Husband (meekly)—"A quarter of twelve, my dear." Irate Wife—"Twelve, nothing! The clock had just struck three, and——" Husband (triumphantly)—"Well, ain't that a quarter of twelve?"—Judge.

The elderly lady who was looking through the shop of a dealer in knick-knacks picked up a small handbag. "Are you sure," she inquired, "that this is real crocodile skin?" "Absolutely certain, madam," replied the dealer; "I shot that crocodile myself." "It looks rather soiled," observed his customer. "Naturally, madam," explained the salesman; "that is where it struck the ground when it tumbed off the tree."—Harper's Weekly.

MARRIED AT BURGAW.

Miss Normie Bordeaux, Attractive Bride of Mr. A. F. Walton.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Feb. 17.—St. Valentine's day was celebrated at the home of Mr. W. T. Bordeaux, near Burgaw by the marriage of his accomplished daughter, Miss Normie, to Mr. A. F. Walton, a prominent citizen, of Wilmington, N. C.

This couple was happily married at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon by Rev. T. D. Johnson. To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march executed by Miss Julia Cromartie, the groom entered leaning upon the arm of Mr. Dan Jenkins, followed by the bride carrying a bouquet of white carnations, resting upon the arm of Miss Lacy Bordeaux, who carried pink carnations.

The attendants were, Mr. Dan Jenkins with Miss Lacy Bordeaux, Mr. R. T. Murray with Miss Pearl Walton, Mr. Henry King with Miss Maggie Belle, Mr. Tim Henry with Miss Gertrude Bordeaux, Mr. A. L. Bowen with Miss Gussie Rhodes.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white point de sprit over white liberty silk and her bride's maid wore white organdie. The parlor was tastefully and artistically decorated with evergreens entwined with white and pink.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton, accompanied by a few friends, left on the five o'clock train for the home in Wilmington, where a reception was given them by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parker, which was highly enjoyed. They left Wilmington Thursday P. M. for a few days' bridal tour to Jacksonville, N. C.

They were the recipients of many handsome and beautiful presents.

We extend to this happy young couple our hearty congratulations and wish them a long life of happiness.

GENERAL GROSVENOR'S DEFEAT.

He Attributes it To Grafters in Convention.

(Baltimore Sun.)

Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, is a good prophet, not only in regard to the results of Presidential elections, but also in respect to his own political fortunes. General Grosvenor stated two weeks ago that the "grafters" in his district were so strong that they would probably beat him in the nominating convention. The General's fears were well founded. He received only 20 votes yesterday in a convention composed of 98 delegates. Inferentially 80 per cent. of the delegates were men of grafting proclivities, if General Grosvenor correctly sized up the situation. Thus ends a public career which has extended over 20 years' service in Congress. In that long period Representative Grosvenor has been a stalwart Republican, supporting every measure which the majority of his party favored. There was nothing too extreme for him, provided it was party legislation. To be beaten now by "grafters" is a fate which this faithful party man did not deserve. He must have represented a rather degenerate district, however, if there were only 20 honest men in a convention of 98. If such be the case, an upright statesman should be glad to give up the job.

NORTH CAROLINA ARCHIVES.

Joint Resolution to Return Them Has Passed Both Houses.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Washington, Feb. 22.—A Senate concurrent resolution was agreed to by the House today providing for the return of certain State archieves of North Carolina, now in the possession of the State Department.

The joint resolution is now a law, having been passed by the Senate February 15. It provides for the return of certain archives in possession of the State Department to the State of North Carolina. The resolution was on Wednesday favorably reported to the House from the Committee on Library by Representative Thomas, of North Carolina.

It authorizes Secretary Root to withdraw from the Department's files and deliver to the State of North Carolina purely "State archives" bearing date from 1750 to 1800, with a few of a later date, and including copies of letters from the delegates to the Continental Congress, State militia papers, documents relating to the rebuilding of the State Capitol and others of a like character. None of the papers commonly called Confederate archives nor any original papers belonging to the records of the Continental Congress or needed for the uses of the government is to be delivered to the State.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the nominations of W. M. Currie to be postmaster at Maxton, N. C.

The Yellow Fever Germ.

has recently been discovered. It bears a close resemblance to the malaria germ. To free the system from disease germs, the most effective remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed to cure all diseases due to malaria poison and constipation. 25c. at Druggists. **

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 22, 1906.

Market—No quotations on account of holiday.

Quotation same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin, nothing doing; tar firm, $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.30, $3.70.

RECEIPTS.

Spirts turpentine	5
Rosin	75
Tar	221
Crude	81

Receipts same day last year—21 casks spirits turpentine, 52 barrels rosin, 102 barrels tar, — barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market—Steady, 10 1-2.
Same day last year—Firm, 7 3-8.
Receipts—108 bales; same day last, year, 313 bales.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina, Prime, 85c.; extra prime, 90c.; fanc 95c., per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 45c.; extra prime, 50c.; fancy, 55@60c.; Spanish 85@90c.

CORN—Firm: 62 1-2@65c. per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady, hams, 15 to 16c. per pound; shoulders, 11 to 12; sides dull, 11 to 12.

EGGS—Dull, 15 to 16.

CHICKENS—Dull, Springs, 15c. to 25c.; Grown, 30 to 35.

BEESWAX—Firm, at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50c @55c. per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c., pound.

TURKEYS—Firm, 15c for live; dressed, 18 to 20c.

HIDES—Dry salted, 12c.; green, 8c. per pound.

PORK—Dull, 6 to 7; hams, 8 to 10.

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Exports Coastwise.

New York—Schr. John S. Deering, 622,000 feet lumber; cargo by Angola Lumber Co.; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

Philadelphia—Schr. Lizzie H. Partrick, 325 cords poplar wood; cargo by B. B. Wright & Son, per A. T. Jones, agent; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Schooners.

Jno. R. Fell, 281 tons, Loveland, C. D. Maffitt.
Joel Cook, 319 tons, Walker, C. D. Maffitt.
Brazos, 190 tons, Snyder, C. D. Maffitt.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 22, 1906.

C. C. Railroad—6 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 4 barrels rosin, 76 barrels tar, 27 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—33 bales cotton, 25 barrels rosin, 20 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—68 bales cotton, 17 barrels rosin, 113 barrels tar, 22 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—1 bale cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 29 barrels rosin, 6 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—6 barrels tar, 31 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—108 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 75 barrels rosin, 221 barrels tar, 81 barrels crude turpentine.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 22.—Cotton.—Spot in fair demand; prices 3 to 5 points lower; American middling fair, 6.26d.; good middling, 5.92d.; middling, 5.74d; low middling, 5.58d.; good ordinary, 5.40d.; ordinary, 5.24d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 2,000 were for speculation and export and included 10,900 American. Receipts 14,000 bales, including 4,800 American. Futures opened easier and closed very steady. American middling G. O. C: February, 5.60d.; February and March, 5.60d.; March and April, 5.61d.; April and May, 5.64d.; May and June, 5.67d.; June and July, 5.69d.; July and August, 5.71d.; August and September, 5.68d.; September and October, 5.56d.; October and November, 5.63d.; November and December, 5.52d.

A Healing Gospel.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a God-send to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at all Druggists. Price 50c. **

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for dessert, and it is better than most desserts that require an hour's preparation. Certainly no other "quick" dessert can be compared with Jell-O, which is generally considered America's most famous dessert.

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Jell-O received the highest award Gold Medal at St. Louis Exposition, 1904.

NON-PAYING CUSTOM HOUSES.

No Tears Over Defeat of the Payne Bill.

(Washington Post.)

We cannot say that we exactly mingle our tears with those of Mr. Payne. The difficulties and discouragements he encounters in his efforts to abolish certain custom houses where nothing is ever collected impart to us a species of unhappiness. He is trying to stop a leak in the Treasury and he deserves a better fate. It may be stated as a fact, indeed, that The Post would like to see him win. But it is not one of those cases in which we put ashes in our hair and go out into clammy places of the woods and moan. We don't feel that lump in the throat which usually attends great emotional disturbance, nor are we moved to clasp Mr. Payne to a tumultuous midriff and irrigate his distinguished neck with great floods of brine.

The truth of the matter is that while Mr. Payne wants to save money for the Treasury, he doesn't propose to save enough. Secretary Shaw estimates that the operation of Mr. Payne's bill will be to stop, all told, a feeble little dribble of $109,000 per annum. No doubt. But who wants to save $109,000? Why dismantle an artless, simple, almost childlike machinery of graft with such insignificant results in sight? It is like taking out a ten-inch columbiad to kill a squirrel. Why, some really enlightened economist could save untold millions of the people's money by extinguishing a few of our scientific establishments, regulating the franking privilege, concentrating the government purchasing agencies, and turning over the Panama Canal to a couple of good husky contractors. As for $109,000, we waste more than that every year investigating bugs and printing vast libraries about hog cholera, and charbon, and warts, and flying machines. What do we care about a little thing like $109,000, with all this richness on our hands?

Now, if Mr. Payne will go to work and formulate a proposition looking to an eradication of all the useless custom houses in the country—inland and seaboard alike—thereby launching a really comprehensive scheme, we shall be with him tooth and nail. There are alleged custom houses everywhere—as far as 1,000 miles, if not farther, from either ocean. All of them are equipped with complete pay rolls and lists of salaried officials, and the entire combination represents little more than waste of the public money, squabbles over patronage, and general demoralization of the civil service. It would pay us to get rid of these—all of them—and everybody knows it.

Why doesn't Mr. Payne take his courage and his information in both hands and break off a real chunk of graft?

MOTHERS OF WILMINGTON.

Are Your Children Thin, Puny and Ailing? If So Read This.

"Vinol will make children strong, robust and rosy or we return your money.

Is there a mother in Wilmington who will ignore such a generous offer as this? You risk not one cent. We pay for all the Vinol your child takes if it does no good.

There are plenty of children all around us who are thin, puny, ailing and tired all the time. Don't want to do this, and don't want to do that. Do no blame the children; they have no strength, no blood, no vitality, rapid growth takes all their strength.

Vinol is just what your child needs. It is a delicious cod liver oil preparation, and children love it. It creates strength, makes rich, red blood and vitality as nothing else can, and after a severe sickness there is nothing that will build your child up like Vinol.

The following letter is only one of hundreds which we have received from mothers telling what Vinol has done for their children.

Mrs. E. M. Oswalt, of Mansfield, Ohio, writes: "My little daughter became so poorly that I was obliged to take her from school. She was thin, no appetite, tired all the time and weak. We had tried several medicines without benefit. Since taking Vinol, however, she is as well as ever; she has gained in flesh, has rosy cheeks and good appetite and is going to school every day."

"We want to say to every mother in Wilmington that Vinol will build your little ones up into strong, robust, healthy children. We have never sold anything equal to it in our store for this purpose, and we will return your money if it fails." Robert R. Bellamy, Druggist.

SEABOARD Air Line Railway.

Passenger Department.

The Seaboard Announces the Following Special Rates Account of Special Occasions Under Rules and Conditions Given Below.

New Orleans, La., Pensacola, Fla., Mobile, Ala.—Mardi Gras, Feb. 21st-March 3rd, tickets sold Feb. 21st to 26th, final limit March 3rd with privilege of extension until March 17th. Rate one fare plus 25 cents for round trip.

Richmond, Va.—True Reformers, Rosebud Convention, Feb. 26th-27th, tickets sold Feb. 21st to 25th on certificate plan basis.

Louisville, Ky.—Account Department of Superintendence, National Educational Association, Feb. 27th-March 1st. Rate of one fare plus 25 cents for round trip, tickets sold Feb. 24th, 25th, 26th, final limit, March 4th.

Old Point Comfort, Va.—National Supply and Machinery Dealers' Association, Feb. 14th-16th, rate of one and one-third first-class fares plus 25 cents has been authorized.

For further information address,

C. H. GATTIS, T. P. A.,
Raleigh, N. C.

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Luckiest Man in Arkansas.

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Bruno, "since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which I know from experience will cure consumption if taken in time. My wife improved with first bottle and twelve bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs and colds or money refunded. At all druggists. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

Frightfully Burned.

Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electric furnace. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for Burns, Wounds, Sores, Eczema and Piles. 25c. at Druggists. **

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Date Not Changed—Veterans Meet April 25-27th.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 22.—The dates for the Confederate reunion to be held here April 25, 26 and 27, have not been changed as stated in a dispatch last night from Macon, Ga. After a meeting of the local committee today, the following was given out:

"The attention of the committee being called to a conflict of dates between those of the reunion and the date of memorial day in certain States, the matter was referred to General Stephen D. Lee, with the statement that it is the sense of the committee that it is impracticable at this late day to change the date of the reunion."

Adjutant Mickle, said he authorized no announcement of a change of the dates.

CURE YOUR KIDNEYS.

Do Not Endanger Life When a Wilmington Citizen Shows You the Cure.

Why will people continue to suffer the agonies of kidney complaint, backache, urinary disorders, lameness, headaches, languor, why allow themselves to become chronic invalids, when a certain cure is offered them?

Doan's Kidney Pills is the remedy to use, because it gives to the kidneys the help they need to perform their work.

If you have any, even one, of the symptoms of kidney diseases, cure yourself now, before diabetes, dropsy or Bright's disease sets in. Read this Wilmington testimony:

B. R. King, the well-known policeman, residing at 706 Wooster street, says: "I had terrible pains in my back which worked around to my side and in my stomach, so bad at times that it laid me up. I used internal medicines and they did not help me. I put on plasters and rubbed with liniment, and none of them helped me at all. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills recommended I got a box of them at Bellamy's drug store. The next day after commencing to use them I noticed relief. Since using two boxes of them I have not had an ache or a pain in my back. It is with pleasure that I add my name to those endorsing the claims made for this remedy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

THERE ARE COAT SHIRTS AND
COAT SHIRTS
BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE
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INSIST ON THE LABEL—IT MEANS RIGHTNESS, FITNESS, WHITENESS AND COLOR FASTNESS
$1.50 AND MORE
"ON AND OFF LIKE A COAT"
CLUETT, PEABODY & CO. TROY, N. Y.
Largest Makers of Collars and Shirts in the World

TIDAL FLOUR WAVE

Unsurpassed the world over as to quality and used only by the best families.

F. E. HASHAGEN CO., Wholesale Only

feb 18.-tf.

Here's Pointer for the Thrifty Buyer. Prices to help and quality to satisfy. Look through our stock of HARDWARE.

People who did last week saw things which they did not expect to.

J. W. Murchison & Co.

HARDWARE, TINWARE, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

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Wedding Presents

We have many beautiful and attractive things in JEWELRY suitable for Wedding Presents. We carry a large stock of

Diamonds, Watches, Scarf Pins, Brooches, Rings, Knives and Forks and Sterling Silver in Great Variety

Everything usually found in a first-class Jewelry House.

To be absolutely sure that you are getting the worth of your money you must be absolutely sure of the reliability of the Jeweler.

J. T. BURKE.

THE JEWELER. ..27 SO. FRONT ST.

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The man who will buy what you advertise for sale may be a near-by neighbor, or he may live on the other side of the city. Until your ad. finds him he will remain an utter stranger to you. Try a Star Business Local.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS!

The Star will send, without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messengers to your place of business or residence for advertisements for our Business Locals department. 'Phone the Star Office, No. 51.

Rates—Twenty-five cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word. Positively, cash in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co.; or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes and small packages. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for advertisements always call the Star Office, 'Phone 51.

SALESMAN WANTED. WELL EQUIPped salesman to call on physicians. A very exceptional opportunity is offered for immediate work. Age and experience. Lock Box 868, Philadelphia. fe-23 3t

LOST.—ON THIRD STREET BEtween Chesnut and Dock or on Second between Dock and Orange a white silk muffler. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Holmes' Grocery Co. fe-23 1t

WHO DID YOUR BRICK WORK and plastering? why Walton & King did it and they are up to date. P. O. Box 630 Walton & King. fe-22 3tp

NOTICE TO THE FARMERS—WILL sell you for cash or on time, our phosphate lime. It not only greatly increases your crops but rebuilds your soil. If you knew its value you would not fail to use it. For information write B. F. Keith, Wilmington, N. C. fe-22 1f

WANTED A MAN TO SET AND burn brick. Must have good reference; good salary and a steady job. Apply to J. E. Sharp, Atkinson, N. C. fe20-1w

WOOD'S FINE SEED POTATOES (Domestic grown) 100 bbls. now ready. Write to-day for prices on your wants. T. H. Williams, Cromly, N. C. fe-17 8tp

YOUNG MAN 14 TO 16 YEARS OLD wanted to learn trade of Job Printer and Pressman. Must have fair education and be resident of Wilmington. Apply at the Star Office. fe 14-6t

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM. Apply to 608 Orange St. fe4-tf

FRESH ARRIVALS—BANANAS, APples, Onions, Oranges, Cabbage, and Irish Potatoes. Two cars just arrived. A. S. Winstead. oc22-tf

SWEET LIPS SHOULD TASTE THE sweet delicacies served at "The Oasis." For instance, Sliced Pineapple, Bananas, and whipped cream, hot chocolate with Whipped Cream, home-made Cakes, Sandwiches with home-made Rolls, Vegetable Soups, Clam Bouillon, tomato Bouillon, Beef Tea, Malt Coffee, the best cereal coffee made. We delight to please the ladies. ja2-tf

COLD STORAGE—BUTTER CHEESE, Apples, Onions, Potatoes, Cabbage, Oranges and Tangerines. We buy only in car-load lots, and can undersell the other fellow. 'Phone, 94. Wm. E. Worth & Co. ja14-tf

A STRONG, HEALTHY BOY 14 TO 15 years old who is not afraid of work may find employment by making application at the Star Office. References required. Ja 20 tf

CALL PHONE 547 WHEN YOU WANT a nice Chicken dinner, or N. C. Hams, country Sausage fresh every week. Full line groceries. Will appreciate your orders. S. F. Craig. ja 20 tf

I RESPECTFULLY SOLICT YOUR PATronage for Granolithic Sidewalk Paving. Only best material and skilled labor used. Satisfaction and promptness guaranteed. Have put down over three thousand yards and can furnish references. Prices reasonable. Get my estimate before placing your orders. W. K. Glenn. Contractor. Phone 1062. ja 27 1 m

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To Buy Good Goods at Low Prices,

Send or Phone Orders to

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18 and 20 Market St.,

Wilmington, N. C.

ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO.

SOUTHERN BUILDING

Interest 4 Per Cent

Save Something Now and Accumulate Wealth.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF

The Southern National Bank

WILMINGTON, N. C.

At Clos of Business January 26, 1906

RESOURCES

LOANS	$318,694 98
OVERDRAFTS	720 89
UNITED STATES BONDS AND PREMIUM	307,500 00
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	4,863 82
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS	366,021 56
TOTAL	$997,801 25

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL	$200,000 00
*SURPLUS	73,840 00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS, NET,	3,364 14
CIRCULATION	200,000 00
DEPOSITS	430,587 11
TOTAL	$997,801 25

*Began business September 18, 1905, with capital fully paid and a subscription of $100,000 00 to surplus, payable in monthly instalments. Gain in resources since Nov. 9th, $201,467.01.

CHAS. N. EVANS, Cashier.

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For the next thirty days we are going to sell Remington and Baker Guns at a reduction in price. Calle and see us at once.

feb. 2-tf. WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.

PIANOS and ORGANS

Mr. E. M. Andrews, the well known furniture dealer of this city, has added to his beautiful stock of Furniture, a Music Department under the special supervision of a man with seven years experience. We will handle these celebrated instruments:

PIANOS: KRANICH AND BACH. STULTZ AND BAER. LANGDON.

ORGANS: PACKARD. PUTNAM. ESTEY.

We invite the Musicians of Wilming ton and surrounding country to come and examine these beautiful instrumments. Before buying, remember these goods are First-Class and are worthy of inspection. We have an experienced man for tuning and repairing.

E. M. ANDREWS,

117 So. Front St., W. J. BRADSHAW, Manager.

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CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhœa and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

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Chas. H. Fletcher.

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In Use For Over 30 Years.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 77 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

COAL!

Comfort and Economy are the chief characteristics of our product.

Don't take our word for it. Ask your neighbor. He will tell you. The price is right, and within reach of all. A trial will convince the most skeptical. Join the procession and burn our coal.

WM. E. WORTH & COMPANY,

'Phone 94. ja 19-tf.

129 MARKET | CHAS. BLOMME | 129 MARKET

SPECIAL SALE ON BLANKETS.

Special Sale on Blankets. Special Sale on Blankets.

Having a broken lot of these special numbers, we will close them out at cost, as long as they last.

10-4 All-Wool Scarlet Blankets, was $4.00, now $3.25

10-4 White Blankets, sold for $3.00, now $2.50

11-4 White Blankets, sold for $5.00, now $3.75

11-4 White Blankets, sold for $4.00, now $3.00

Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, all pure linen, worth $1.50 doz., to go at $1.00

Children's All-Linen Handkerchiefs, per doz. 60c

Agent for the C. B. and Warner's Rust-Proof Corsets. Every Pair Warranted.

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U. S. Government, State, County, and City Depository.

THE

Capital	$300,000
Surplus	200,000
Shareholders' Liability	300,000
Total	$800,000

Murchison National Bank,

OF WILMINGTON,

Your deposits in this Bank are secure by assets equal to its liabilities.

AND $800,000 BESIDES.

We have money to lend, and every other facility afforded by a modern Metropolitan Bank.

H. C. McQUEEN, President, J. V. GRAINGER, Vice-President,
H. LACY HUNT, Asst. Cashier. C. S. Grainger, Asst. Cashier.

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LOOSE LEAF LEDGER IS ONE OF THE BEST ON THE MARKET.

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IF YOU WANT A TYPEWRITER THAT WILL LAST AND GIVE YOU FULL VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY BUY HE REMINGTON STANDARD. SOLD ONLY BY

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feb 17-tf. OFFICE OUTFITTERS.

Embroidery Sale

All This Week.

S. & B. SOLOMON.

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STATEHENT OF

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company.

(Condensed from Report to Corporation Commission Jan. 29, 1906).

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$1,531,670.14	Capital	$ 25,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	2.00	Profits, less taxes and expenses paid	113,536.31
Real estate	15,660.00	Deposits	1,559,210.72
Cash on hand and due from banks	150,414.89		
Total	$1,697,747.03	Total	$1,697,747.03

J. W. Norwood, President.
H. WALTERS, Vice-President.
C. E. TAYLOR, JR., Cashier.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—The Southern Railway's new passenger station at Charlotte was thrown open to the public on Wednesday.

—In Guilford Superior Court on Wednesday the jury in the mental anguish suit of Rosanna Maness vs. the Western Union Telegraph Company returned a verdict of $100 in favor of the plaintiff.

—Durham Sun: Mr. Hill C. Linthicum, the Durham architect, has just completed plans for a Confederate Memorial Auditorium, at Hertford, N. C., which will be a very fine structure, of gray brick 50x120 feet. It will be the first one of the kind to be erected in the State.

—Lexington Dispatch: There is a calf out on the farm of Mr. J. O. Swicegood, who lives on route 5, near Mt. Carmel church, that must be considerable of a curio. "They say" it is nine days old, is without eyes or tail and is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

—Manager Marsh, of the Salisbury theatre, has received a reply from Sarah Bernhardt to the effect that she will appear in Salisbury for a guarantee of $2,000 and 85 per cent. of the receipts over that amount. Manager Marsh made another offer to her manager, and Salisburians hope yet to see and hear the "divine Sarah."

—Greensboro special to Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 19th.: It was reported here Saturday afternoon that a colored woman, four miles east of the city, had given birth to a child with claws and wings, resembling the devil, and that it was a judgment sent on her for telling a man who wanted to sell her a Bible that she had as soon buy a devil or a little rather. Yesterday dozens of people visited the house, but no one seems to have seen the child.

—Wadesboro special, Feb. 20th: The case of David Bites against the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, has occupied the entire time of the Superior Court from last Thursday until this afternoon. It was a case for damages for the loss of a leg by the plaintiff, a negro. The jury returned a verdict, in favor of the plaintiff for the amount claimed, $5,000. Judge Fred Moore, of Asheville refused to set aside the verdict, so the case will probably go to the Supreme Court.

—Sampson Democrat: Jethro Herring, a 14 year old negro boy working with Mr. William Peterson, has fully demonstrated that he is possessed of an abundance of what is commonly termed "grit." He was driving a beef cow the other day with a plow line, and suffered the mad and unruly cow to jerk him down and drag him till two of his fingers were cut entirely off, and another badly hurt. Mr. Peterson had told him to always hold to a mule as long as there was a "pea in the dish," and this accounts for it.

—Salisbury special Feb. 21st.: The State Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, at its session to-night, definitely decided to build and maintain an orphanage. The selection of a site and the working out of details have been placed in the hands of a special committee which will report later. It is the concensus of opinion that the orphanage will go to Durham, which has so far made the best offer, $6,000 in cash and a 10-acre site. At to-night's session it was unanimously decided to hold next year's session at Fayetteville.

—For the past several days the furniture manufacturers of High Point have again been somewhat short on cars but the arrival of a couple of dozen on Wednesday helped out considerably for the rush trade. Everynow and then the manufacturers get in a rateher tight place for cars, but they are long-suffering and take things easy so long as they can get cars to ship the urgent orders, and biding their time, if it is a reasonable length of time, for sufficient cars. The large increase in business at High Point is simply not comprehended by the railroad it seems, and the company has not yet fully awakened to the fact.

—The entire plants and machinery of the Oregon Chair Company and the Dunn Safe and Table Company were sold at Dunn on Monday by R. L. Godwin and J. C. Clifford, receivers, to Messrs. Newberry Bros. and Cowell, of at $75,000. This sale is of considerable importance to furniture dealers as these plants are now to be operated by successful and thoroughly competent and experienced furniture men. The plants are equipped and their location on the Atlantic Coast Line railway could not well be improved. They will be started at once and run in connection with the large furniture plant now in operation by Newberry Bros. and Cowell.

—Charlotte Chronicle: The reports of the various drug stores of Charlotte at police headquarters show that 1,080 prescriptions were filed last week for "sickness." This represents an aggregate of about 200 gallons, averaging about half of the total quantity as quarts, which is a conservative estimate, since the doctors who prescribed "tonics" for their patients recommended in most case more than a pint. The records are interesting. The highest number filled any one store was 203; the second 188; the third 115; and the lowest 14. The "ailments" of the afflicted one are not given in the reports, but, in some instances, the directions are written in plain English, the pharmaceutical sign being left off, and it is a source of wonder that, almost without exception, the doses are often "a wineglass full."

——Mr. T. J. Pence writes from Washington that President Roosevelt has held up the nomination of Claude Dockery to be marshal of the Eastern District, which is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee, where it was referred after being sent to the Senate. The nomination is not withdrawn, but the President has asked the committee not to take action until word comes from the White House. The action of the executive is believed to be the result of a fight that is being made on Mr. Dockery by his uncle, Col. H. C. Dockery, made numerous charges against his nephew, which is substance, allege that he was in the league with liquor interests in the East. The President's action in holding up the nomination indicates that an investigation is being made, and it may be sent to Raleigh to report on the situation, as was the case in the District Attorneyship and marshalship in the West.

—Asheville special: The trial that promises most interest at the present special term of the United States District will be that of Pauline de Ricardo, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Ricardo has been in the Buncombe county jail for several months. He was brought here from Florida, at the expiration of a term in the Penitentiary in that State and held for the United State Court in Asheville. He operated in Asheville and Black Mountain some six years ago and is said to have many victims. He professed to have the power to relieve care and worry; to restore estranged domestic relations and to find hidden treasure. A number of witnesses have been summoned to appear and testify against Ricardo. These witnesses represent six States and some of them have come long distances. Some of these witnesses are women. Two are from the State of Florida and one from the State of Connecticut.

Two special trains passed through the city yesterday afternoon bearing six companies of the Eighth United States Infantry to San Francisco, Cal. Accompanying the troops were commissioned and non-commissioned officers, and the regimental band. In all there were 422 men. The trip to San Francisco is being made via the Southern and the Southern Pacific lines. From San Francisco the troops will be transported to the Philippines. It is of interest to note that the government is now mobilizing large bodies of troops in the Philippines. This is being done in anticipation of trouble with China. There are now approximately 11,500 men stationed in the East under the command of General Leonard Wood. Two regiments of infantry were sent out from San Francisco last week. It is stated that there are several others to follow. Evidently the government is making ready for any possible trouble that may arise.

—The Fred Brunner Lumber Company, of Knoxville, Tenn., made a proposition to Salisbury to build its largest lumber plant at Salisbury, and at 2:30 Friday afternoon this bid was accepted. It is an institution of magnitude, its freight will amount daily to 6 cars and its pay roll will be $10,000 monthly, this being independent of purchases for the purpose of materials and incidental expenses. The company asked for 1,400 feet of main railroad track, 1,000 feet of sub track and 10 acres of land. The ground the company wishes to lease for ten years with the privilege of purchasing it in two years. It will deal in hardwood timber and other minor enterprises are to follow this. The proposition calls for the completion of the tracks by April 1, 1906 and promises the beginning of operations at that time. Two mills are to be erected on this ground, the first a trimmer, edger and dimension mill; the second a band mill for the manufacture of lumber. It will deal in hardwood timber and the product will be distributed to neighboring towns with furniture factories. Especially will the company pay attention to the hard timbers in and about Salisbury.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

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Read the following carefully:

If you have consumption of some or the contagious forms of blood poisoning we cannot cure you. We don't pretend to cure you. You need the individual treatment of some skilled specialist; but if you are run down in general health, if you have dyspepsia, are subject to fainting spells, a victim to insomnia, billiousness, kidney or liver trouble, catch cold easily, if your system is in that condition that you may become an easy prey to the disease germs of pneumonia, la grippe and the various epidemic; if you are bothered with constant headache, loss of memory, general impaired vitality, we can help you, and, if you follow our directions, render you immune against sickness. Most skin disease can be cured by the use of "BROMONIA."

"BROMONIA" is to the human system what the scrubbing brush and soap are to the dirty washbowl. It aids Nature to resume normal action. It increases the strength, the fighting ability of the phagocytes of the blood; it promotes the healthy flow of the salivary and gastric secretions. If your stomach is in good condition, you are well. The Chinese are a wise people. They accost each other with, "How is your stomach?"

We don't ask you to invest a cent until you have tried "BROMONIA" at our expense. A single bottle oftentimes works wonders. Cut out the Coupon at the bottom of this column.

Write name and address plainly. Be careful to address BROMONIA CO., NEW YORK.

Free Bromonia Coupon.

State .....

Name .....

City .....

My nearest dealer is at .....

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If you think BROMONIA is what you need and do not care to send coupon, you will find it all first-class druggists 25 and 50 cents.

Robert R. Bellamy, Exclusive Wholesale Agent for Wilmington and vicinity.

Dealers elsewhere desiring agency apply to Jno. M. Scott & Co., Charlotte, N. C.

Pinehurst, the Peerless, Easily and Cheaply Reached Via Seaboard Air Line from Wilmington, N. C.

The Seaboard Air Line is selling a special round trip ticket, Wilmington to Pinehurst, and return at $7.20, good to May 31st. By taking train at 3:00 P. M. you can reach Pinehurst same day. Pinehurst is famous for its magnificent Hotels, superb Golf course and numerous other attractions. Handsomely illustrated booklets and general information regarding this delightful Winter resort can be obtained from C. H. Gattis, T. P. A., Raleigh, or W. B. Rose, C. T. A., No. 105 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C. **

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Of Herpicide Is In Giving It a Thorough Trial.

There is only one test by which to judge of the efficiency of any article and that is by its ability to do that which it is intended to do. Many hair vigors may look nice and smell nice, but the point is—do they eradicate Dandruff and stop falling hair?

No, they do not, but Herpicide does, because it goes to the root of the evil and kills the germ that attacks the papilla from whence the hair gets its life.

Letters from prominent people everywhere are daily proving that Newbro's Herpicide stands the "test of use."

It is a delightful dressing, clear, pure and free from oil or grease.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

HARDIN'S PHARMACY, Special Agent.

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For Infants and Children.

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Ar. Goldsboro	12 15 p m	9 32 p m
Ar. Wilson	1 16 p m	10 23 p m
Ar. Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar. Norfolk	7 55 p m	.....
Ar. Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar. Petersburg	6 56 p m	3 23 a m
Ar. Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar. Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar. Baltimore	1 42 a m	9 09 a m
Ar. Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 22 a m
Ar. New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv. New York	9 35 a m	5 25 p m
Ar. Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar. Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 22 a m
Ar. Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar. Norfolk	.....	8 40 a m
Lv. Richmond	7 25 p m	9 05 a m
Ar. Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar. Weldon	9 51 p m	11 44 a m
Ar. Rocky Mount	11 00 p m	1 10 p m
Ar. Wilson	11 32 p m	2 05 p m
Ar. Goldsboro	6 58 a m	3 10 p m
Ar. Wilmington	10 05 a m	6 00 p m

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	Daily.	Daily.	Daily. via Wilson
Lv Wilmington	6 00 am	3 45 pm	6 50 pm
Ar Florence	9 35 am	7 40 pm	3 55 am
Ar Charlest'n	1 20 pm	11 40 pm	6 50 am
Ar Savannah	6 45 pm	2 50 am	9 05 am
Ar Jack'ville	.....	8 40 am	1 45 pm
Ar Tampa	.....	6 55 pm	11 00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar. Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar. Savannah	12 55 p m	1 15 a m
Lv. Charleston	4 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar. Florence	7 35 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

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Lv. Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar. 8 00 p m
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Ar. Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv. 3 40 p m

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(Daily.)

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6.00 A. M.	8.30 A. M.
	Leave Beach.
7.00 A. M.	8.15 A. M.
10.00 A. M.	10.45 A. M.
11.30 A. M.	12.15 P. M.
1.30 P. M.	2.15 P. M.
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5.00 P. M.	6.45 P. M.
7.30 P. M.	9.15 P. M.
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CHINA VAST FIELD FOR EXPORT BUSINESS

Our Manufacturers Have Chance To Do Over Half Billion Dollars Trade Each Year.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Among the arrivals here to confer with the Department of Commerce and Labor on American trade in China, is Baruch Cerf, general manager of the Industrial-Commercial exhibit of American manufacturers at Shanghai, China, and when seen by an Associated Press reporter said:

"It is to be regretted that the manufacturers and producers throughout the United States are not paying more attention to the development of export trade with China and taking advantage of a market which is geographically theirs and is the natural outlet for export goods.

"China is ripe today for our goods, her purchasing power is enormous, and I can safely say that there is not an article produced or manufactured in the United States that is not saleable in China, providing it is introduced properly and arranged to meet the requirements of that trade, both in the labels and packing.

"As a minimum of trade possibilities, were each Chinaman to spend 9 3-4 gold cents per month, equal to one-fifth of one day's wages, on American goods, we would have an export trade of $531,000,000 per annum, or about one and one half millions of dollars per day.

"The constant publicity given the supposed boycott is detrimental to trade. You do not hear of any boycott in central or northern China, the wealthiest and most fertile parts of that country. Individualism of provinces is the protection of trade, and as they do not speak the same language and have different customs and methods of doing business, that which is pertinent to one province is of no interest to the other. This is recognized by all the European powers. England holds her sphere of commercial influence along the Yangtze river, Szechuen valley and Plains of Manchuria. France is fighting for this trade from northern Fokien provinces; Germany, with Tsintau as a basis, is working south and north into the same territory; Japan, with Port Arthur as a starting point, is fighting for this trade; Russia with the Trans-Siberian road is working south into this wealthy trading district, while America, with her vast possibilities, has been only looking to the extreme south of China, instead of having all of our products known and recognized from New Chawng to Chocin China, and from Shanghai to Chunking, the farthest inland treaty port.

"The Chinese merchant must see to buy, and he must also be able to feel the pulse of the consuming market as well as know the responsibility and extent of our manufacturing and producing interests. With the Chinese merchants you have a class of business men whose word is their bond, and ready to buy when the proper goods are shown them.

"The railroad and steamship lines are rendering every assistance in the opening of that trade and it only rests with the manufacturers and producers as to whether or not they wish to take advantage in proper time of the vast export field now open to them."

UNIFORM DIVORCE LAW.

Further Progress Made by the Meeting in Washington.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

Washington, Feb. 29.—The national divorce congress to-day adopted the following additional paragraphs reported by the committee on resolutions:

"A divorce should not be granted unless the cause is shown by affirmative proof, aside from any admissions on the part of the respondent."

"A final decree dissolving the marriage tie so completely as to permit the re-marriage of either party should not become operative until the lapse of a reasonable time after hearing or trial upon the merits of the cause. The Wisconsin, Illinois and California rule of one year is recommended."

"In no case should the children born during the coverture be bastardized excepting where they are the offspring of a bigamous marriage or the impossibility of access by the husband has been proved.

The committee on resolutions was directed to draft a bill embodying the principles laid down in the resolutions with a view to securing action by the State legislatures which will crystalize them into law.

JOE GANS ANXIOUS TO FIGHT.

Negro Pugilist Makes Broad Proposition to Britt.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—Joe Gans last night sent the following communication to the local newspapers:

"I have one more proposition to make to Britt. I want to fight him again and I leave it to the public if it is not fair. Let the fire and police departments get a special permit from the mayor and run the show. If Britt wins he can take all of the fighter's share and invest in more flats. If I win, I will give all of my share to the charities of the above named departments. I want to say that I have not a dollar to my name and I will have to borrow to pay my training expenses. If I can afford to box for nothing and with nothing, why cannot Britt, who has thousands of dollars stored away? The weight is to be 133 pounds at 6 o'clock. He can also have his brother William to referee or any one else that he wishes. The only thing that I insist on is that the referee declare all bets off before we start. If this does not suit Britt, let him make his own proposition."

JOSEPH WHEELER MEMORIAL.

To Be Held in Atlanta March 26th—Roosevelt Invited.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 22.—The local committee of arrangements having in charge the memorial of General Joseph Wheeler, has made its plans to have the memorial March 26, the day preceding the gathering of the Blue and the Gray. A committee has been named to go to Washington to invite President Roosevelt formally to be present and make an address on the occasion. Formal invitations also will be extended to "Corporal" Tanner, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and General Stephen D. Lee, commanding the United Confederate Veterans, to be present and speak on the occasion.

RECENT EXPOSE IN INSURANCE

Hughes Investigating Committee Makes Report to New York General Assembly

REMEDIES ARE SUGGESTED

Policyholders' Rights To Be Safeguarded—Companies Must Be Prohibited From Making Political Contributions.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

New York, Feb. 22.—The committee appointed at the last session of the New York Legislature to investigate life insurance made its report today. The report is extremely voluminous, extending to 319 printed pages. It embraces a long review of the testimony taken by the committee and its recommendations and conclusions as to remedial legislation. In addition there is a chapter devoted to the State insurance department in which the committee declares that it would seem that the superintendent of the department has had ample power to ascertain the transactions of insurance companies, but that the supervision by the department has not proved a sufficient protection against extravagance and maladministration. Instances are given of reports made on the affairs of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, the New York Life Insurance Company, and the Equitable Life Assurance Society, in which nothing was brought out to show the conditions developed in the testimony given before the committee. No substantial amplification of the powers of the department, seem necessary, according to the committee, which holds that most of the evils which have been disclosed by the investigation would have been impossible had there been a vigorous performance of the duties already laid upon the insurance department.

The remedial legislation recommended by the committee provides for the safeguarding of the rights of policyholders in mutual companies, in the election of directors; recommends that stock companies be given authority to retire their stock and become mutual companies, but that such mutualization shall not be compulsory; various regulations are urged to prevent unwise investments, and improper syndicate operations; the sale of prohibited securities within five years is advocated; a recommendation for the limiting of new business to $150,000,000 a year is made; the committee favors the prohibition of contributions by insurance companies for political purposes; lobbying is condemned and the wisdom of economical management is urged, but the committee does not deem it advisable that the Legislature should attempt to prescribe the expenditures of insurance companies.

Further recommendations are made on the valuation of policies, surrender values, surplus, forms of policies and publicity of all facts pertaining to the company's business. An amendment to the penal code is recommended to provide that the person receiving a rebate should be equally guilty with the one who gives it.

In its detail report of the investigation of the companies, the committee says the accounts of the Mutual Life Insurance Company should be thoroughly examined in order that the extent to which moneys have been misapplied and the responsibility for any misapplication which may be shown may be determined.

Concerning the New York Life Insurance Company, the committee found that its transactions with Andrew Hamilton showed extraordinary abuses, and that the statement sent from Paris by Hamilton was without suitable specifications.

In taking up the Equitable Life Assurance Society, the committee tells of the dissentions last February which resulted in the re-organization of that society and in the disclosures which brought about the legislative inquiry. The syndicate operations of the Equitable and James H. Hyde, and the relations between the society and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., as brought out in the testimony before the committee, are referred to at considerable length, as also the $50,000,000 Union Pacific pool under the management of E. H. Harriman, Jacob H. Schiff and James Stillman. Participation in this pool by the Equitable, the committee holds, was clearly an improper transaction for an insurance company.

Former Governor Odell's shipbuilding suit against the Mercantile Trust Company, which was settled by that company, is treated of, the committee holding that the circumstances of the introduction of the Adler bill might have been sufficient to induce that settlement on the part of the officers of the trust company through fear that proceedings inimical to its interests might be taken if those who could initiate them were not appeased. The committee report contains a full statement of loans made to E. H. Harriman and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., by the Equitable. The payment of $20,000 a year to Senator Depew by the Equitable, the committee holds, was not warranted, the testimony as to the services rendered by Senator Depew not appearing to be sufficient for such payment. The committee also sets forth that it does not appear what services was rendered by former Senator Hill, who was paid $5,000 a year. In justice to Mr. Hill, the committee says it was not able to get his testimony on this subject because he was too ill to appear.

The committee finds that in spite of the irregularities shown, there is no reason to question the solvency of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, the New York Life Insurance Company nor the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Thomas W. Lawson Knocked Out.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 22.—The report of the Armstrong special insurance investigating committee was presented in both houses of the Legislature today. It was accompanied by eight bills designed to carry into effect in detail the recommendations of the committee. In a statement made to newspaper men before the presentation of the report, Senator Armstrong said he hoped to have passed before April 15, the bill which will defer the annual elections in the Mutual Companies from April 15 to November 15. This, it is believed, probably would nullify all proxies obtained up to this time by Thomas W. Lawson and the policyholders' committee of State Governors and others as well as those which the management of the companies themselves have been gathering through their agents.

The Senate yesterday passed the bill authorizing the purchase of coal lands in the island of Batan, P. I., at a cost of $50,000, also the bill amending the Philippine tariff law on textile fabrics and shoes.

Keep in Good Health.

By spending an afternoon at Lumina now and then. The Beach is delightful at this time of the year. **

GREENE AND GAYNOR GREASED A. J. TWIGGS

Witness Acknowledged He Received $500 Not to Bid on River and Harbor Work.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 22.—A. J. Twiggs was the principal witness in the Greene and Gaynor trial to-day. His most interesting testimony was that adduced on cross-examination by counsel for the defense, when he admitted that he had foregone his purpose of submitting a bid in 1891 for work on the Savannah river near Augusta, Ga.

It was brought out that the witness himself had an understanding with John F. Gaynor by whom he had been paid $500 and with whim he had made a contract to supply stone for the work to be done, should Greene and Gaynor secure the award. This understanding was that Twiggs, would not bid and that Greene and Gaynor, would, therefore, submit a higher bid than they would, had they been forced to meet his competition.

Mr. Osborne also questioned the witness closely with the purpose to show that the alleged oppression to which he was subjected by Carter in the fulfilling of the August contract, secured by Twiggs in 1893, was not oppressed, but merely the officer's insistence upon the contractor's conforming to the sepcifications. The witness admitted that he had thought to do the work rather in the way that he had seen other work done than to comply with the contract requirements.

Several other witnesses were examined during the day, principally for the identification of various documents that were admitted as evidence.

Letters were introduced to show that Carter was more liberal in the extension of Greene and Gaynor contracts than he was regarding that of A. J. Twiggs, of Augusta, who was improving the Savannah river.

The government completed its direct examination of Twiggs and Mr. Osborne cross-examined him for the defense bringing out further statements relative to the $500 paid Twiggs by John F. Gaynor, in 1891, Twiggs then agreeing not to bid on a contract for which he had prepared a bid.

Replying to question of Judge Speer, the witness said the oppression" he had, as an outsider suffered at Carter's hands caused him a loss of $8,000 to $10,000."

The witness admitted that he had reached an understanding with John F. Gaynor that in consideration of the $500 paid him by Gaynor and the contract they had entered into, Gaynor to take stone from the witness, he would not submit a bid in opposition to Greene and Gaynor's on the 1893. "This understanding cost Gaynor $500. It cost me considerably more," the witness said.

The witness further admitted he had "fallen out" with Greene and Gaynor later when they failed to take the stone from them as agreed and that he had refused $1,000 to be paid him by Edward F. Gaynor, if he would not bid on the 1893 contract on which he did bid and which he secured.

The court adjourned until to-morrow.

NO TARIFF WAR WITH GERMANY.

Chancellor Von Beulow Thinks It Would Benefit England.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The Reichstag today passed the first and second readings, without amendment, the government's proposal to extend reciprocal tariffs to the United States until June 30, 1907.

Chancellor Von Beulow, made a statement in which he said the Imperial government asked the Reichstag to authorize the application of the treaty rates to the United States not as a right under the most favored nation interpretation, but in order that the negotiations pending might still be conducted to a satisfactory end and because it was in the interest of both countries to avoid a tariff war. The Chancellor said he placed a high value on good political relations between Germany and the United States, which was a blessing to both lands, but it would be deceptive to believe that he would buy political friendship by the sacrifice of Germany's economic interests. The grounds of the government's proposal were that a tariff war which must only be rosorted to in case of necessity would damage not only Germany's shipping interests, but other important departments of industry. Although the United States would be injured in its exports, which had grown considerably, the advantage of such a war would rest with a third country. The Chancellor presumably meant Great Britain.

Summarizing a note from Secretary Root to Ambassador Sternbeurg, Prince Von Buelow said as soon as the German conventional tariff has been granted to the United States they will publish a proclamation granting Germany a continuance of the advantages of section three of the Dingley tariff.

LONGWORTHS REACH CUBA.

Cordially Welcomed to Havanna by President Palma's Representatives.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Havana, Feb. 22.—The steamer Mascott, having on board Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Isdwin V. Morgan, the new American minister to Cuba, arrived here this morning from Florida, after a smooth trip, and was boarded by the attaches of the American legation, and Frank Steinhardt, the American consul at Havana, the representative committee of the Cuban Congress and President Palma's military aide-de-camp, who were received by the travelers on the after deck. Congressman Govin, as spokesman of the committee, briefly and cordially welcomed Minister Morgan and assured Mr. and Mrs. Longworth that Cuba was delighted with the opportunity of welcoming and honoring the daughter of her best friend. Mr. and Mrs. Longworth went ashore in a launch in charge of the Cuban President's aide-de-camp, a gally decorated tug, chartered by the American Club, accompanying. Thence they were driven in an automobile to Mr. Morgan's residence in the suburb of Mariana. The Longworths plan to remain here a week.

DEADLOCK OVER MOROCCO.

Great Britain and France See no Hope. Americans Hopeful.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Algeciras, Spain, Feb. 22.—Although the Franco-German deadlock remains unbroken, the opinion of the delegates to the Moroccan conference, fluctuates as to the results, the view to-day being rather more hopeful that some solution is possible. This is due largely to the German attitude that an adjustment eventually will be reached. The American delegates also continue confident despite the French and British pessimism. The German delegates maintain that the French concessions have not been important, as France continues to assert her special position in Morocco, whereas Germany contends for internationalization and the equality of all the powers.

NEW RATE BILL BY SENATOR KNOX

Mr. Roosevelt's Former Attorney-General Sprung One on Senate Yesterday

RAILROADS GRANTED APPEAL

Knox Bill is Hint to Committee on Interstate Commerce—Field Day for Debate in House—Retired Officers' Graft.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Mr. Knox's much discussed and long expected railroad rate bill was introduced in the Senate today and because of the exceptional interest in the subject, was accorded the unusual privilege of a reading at length for the information of Senators on the day of introduction. Close attention was given to the reading of the bill. In a brief statement Mr. Knox said that he did not hope to have the committee on interstate commerce do more than consider the bill as affording light on the question of court review of the findings of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Senator Knox's inter-State commerce bill broadens the House bill and contains a provision for review by the courts of the orders of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It provides that all charges of whatever nature shall be just and reasonable, the commission shall order it reduced and when reduced, such reduced rate shall be the maximum to be observed by the carrier and when the commission shall order a practice to be changed its order shall be observed by the carrier."

Section five, which was deemed essential to the constitutionality of the measure provides for a review by circuit courts to test the lawfulness of the Inter-State Commerce Commission's order, when the carrier or party affected institutes proceedings alleging "violation of its or his rights," etc. The commission is to prescribe when its orders shall be affective, may establish through routes between points where not maintained by the lines complained of and establish joint maximum rates and their division between carriers; appeal is allowed from the final decree of the circuit court only to the Supreme Court and within thirty days, no appeal to operate as a stay or supersedias.

The remainder of the day was devoted to listening to the reading of Washington's farewell address by Mr. McCreary, and the consideration of the hazing bill. Recent developments at the Naval Academy were discussed at considerable length and the hazing bill was passed just before adjournment.

The bill gives authority to the Secretary of the Navy to dismiss at any time a midshipman whose presence he considers for any cause contrary to the best interests of the service, but the accused has the right to demand a court martial. It repeals the existing law requiring the dismissal of midshipmen found guilty of hazing; gives authority for court martial for hazing under certain conditions and authorizes graduation sentences under the acts of June 23, 1874, and of March 3, 1903; requires all instructors and officers at the Naval Academy to report offenses to the superintendent and defines hazing as "the unauthorized assumption of authority by one midshipman over another."

Mr. Tillman presented a petition for relief from alleged discrimination forwarded to him by the Independent Oil Refiners' Association of Titusville and Oil City, Pa. In the petition a group of independent oil refiners' cases which have been pending for over seventeen years were cited as "showing what a travesty on protection is represented in the present method of legal procedure in dealing with the subject."

Discussing the hazing bill, Mr. Tillman said the less interference with Annapolis affairs the better, and expressed the opinion that the present unfortunate state of affairs was due to executive pardons and executive interference three or four years ago. He would leave it to the President to exercise his discretion in dealing with "the poor devils who are now dangling by the heels out in the cold."

Mr. Spooner took issue with Mr. Tillman's contention that the present condition at Annapolis was due to pardons granted a few years ago, but said that the Presicent had only exercised his pardoning power at that time because the law permitted no discretion in the trial of offenders. He moved to strike out the first section of the bill giving to the Secretary the power of dismissal.

Mr. Hale, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Tillman opposed Mr. Spooner's motion. Mr. Tillman said there were certain cases in which there should be no trials. We want this authority as a club to hold up before the boys and make 'em quit their devilment," he said.

The Senate adjourned until Monday.

Field Day in House.

The House of Representatives refused to adjourn in celebration of Washington's birthday and its members participated in a general field day of debate on the army appropriation bill.

The speeches took a wide range. First the system of promoting and retiring army officers was attacked by Mr. Prince, of Illinois, who elicited many interjected comments from members in disapproval of the methods for which he said the President and Senate were responsible, and which he pointed out has resulted in a retired list costing yearly $2,700,000, consisting of officers who he said were holding the flag with one hand while the other was in the treasury for money that had never been earned.

An exhaustive discussion of ship subsidy was made by Mr. Gilbert, of Kentucky, who declared the American merchant marine is now the finest of any nation, and included the 136 Morgan ships under the British and German flags, in case of war, he said their only protection would be the United States wherein belonged their owners and the capital invested.

Mr. Clark, of Florida, made a speech against the House organization, and was replied to by Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio. Mr. Clark dwelt at length on the merit of his bill, which prohibits internal revenue officers from receiving special taxes and granting liquor licenses in prohibition or local option sections. Illustrating the necessity for the measure, he said that in prohibition Maine in 1904, 640 Federal liquor licenses were issued; in 1905, 3,045 were issued in Kansas, also a prohibition State and that in Connecticut, not prohibition in 1905, 3,269 Federal licenses were issued, while the State licenses numbered but 2,191.

Mr. Clark's criticism of the rules was the subject of reply by Mr. Grosvenor, who cited the record to show that there had been more debate so far this session of Congress than ever before, and contrasted it with a session of Congress controlled by the Democrats, when, he pointed out, a bill repealing the resumption act, and making paper money equal to gold; a bill for the free coinage of silver and an appropriation act carrying $19,000,000 were all passed without a single word of debate.

Mr. Clark interrupted to state that ten days of debate at the present session was on a bill unanimously reported and favored by both political parties, and on which no debate was necessary.

"Oh, yes," replied Mr. Grosevnor, "members thought debate very necessary for their constituents. I made one speech myself, but I don't think it did a particle of good." (Laughter.)

"I am exceedingly sorry that it did not avail in the gentleman's case," replied Mr. Clark amid applause.

The day concluded with a lively discussion of the Payne customs house bill. General debate on the army bill was exhausted and that measure will be read for amendment when the House meets tomorrow.

RAILWAY RATE REGULATION

Senate Committee Will Vote To-day on Hepburn Bill—Knox Bill Complicates Matters.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Washington, Feb. 22.—What the members of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce will do, when they face a vote on the court review feature of a railroad rate bill tomorrow is a question that to-night is provoking unlimited speculation and a wide variance in predictions. The Democratic members of the committee hold the key to the situation but at a conference to-night they were unable to agree. When they adjourned to meet tomorrow morning, they favored sending the bill to the Senate floor without a report of any character. The conservative Republicans declared they would win with an amendment and Senators Dolliver and Clapp continued their stand against amendments.

The introduction to-day by Senator Knox of a railroad rate bill containing a feature for court review seemed to clarify the situation for a time. The conservative faction of the committee, consisting of Senators Elkins, Aldrich, Foraker, Dean and Crane, was ready to accept this feature and they held a conference at which it was agreed to offer it as an amendment to the Hepburn bill. They counted on certain Democratic votes in the committee to give them a majority, but the hesitancy of these Democrats in committing themselves to the amendment upset their plans. The Democrats said they desired to consider the Knox scheme well before agreeing to vote for it. Senators Tillman, McLaurin and Faster, conferred. They took into their conference the Knox plan, an amendment prepared by conservative Republicans and the plans provided in various other rate bills with the intention of deciding betwen them.

The Democrats will in committee tomorrow amend the Hepburn bill or report it to the Senate in the form passed by the House. There will be eleven members present; five Republican members will vote together for a court review and one Democratic vote, therefore, is sufficient to amend the bill.

If the conservative faction succeeds in amending the Hepburn bill by inserting the review feature of the Knox bill, seven Republican Senators will endeavor to amend the amendment after the bill reaches the floor. Their scheme, if successful would limit the review to the question as to whether the commission, in making a rate, had exceeded its authority and whether the order was issued in violation of the "constitutional" rights of the complainant. This restriction would be made by inserting half a dozen words in the Knox amendment. That portion of the amendment for the institution of proceedings would then provide that "any carrier, person or corporation, party to the proceedings affected by the decision of the commission, as to the rate or practice covered by the complaint, or by its order prescribing a different rate or practice and alleging either or both to be beyond the authority of the commisison, or a violation of its or his constitutional rights may institute proceedings" to have such questions determined. The words thus inserted, which are not in the Knox amendment would be "beyond the authority of the commission" and the word "constitutional," erasing the word "rights."

OUR SAILORS VISIT POPE.

Pontiff Commands Them to Loyalty to Their Country.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Rome, Feb. 22.—Officers and a detachment of fifty sailors from the American cruiser squadron now at Naples, arrived here today and were received by the Pope this afternoon. The Pope presented each of the visitors with a medal. Then he delivered an address thanking the Americans for coming to Rome for the purpose of saluting the head of their religion, and urging them all as defenders of the American flag to be always loyal to the pledges they had taken to be true Christians, to be respectful to their superiors and obedient to discipline in performing their duties. Thus they would not only be serving their country but would be following Divine instructions, ensuring a supreme reward. The Pope then blessed all the Americans and their families and the religious objects which the sailors had with them. Before leaving the Pontiff shook hands with the American officers and the sailors gave three hearty cheers for the Pope.

PRINCE COMMITS SUICIDE.

Was to Have Been Married Within Few Hours.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Naples, Feb. 22.—Prince Pignatelli Strongoli, aged 19 years, son of a lady in waiting to Queen Helena, committed suicide this morning by shooting. He was to have been married in a few hours to a daughter of the Duke of Corigolino. He left a letter to his father saying he killed himself because he was skeptical about life and another letter to his fiancee saying she would have been unhappy with him. The affair has caused a great sensation, both families being among the most aristocratic in Naples.

HOCK TO BE HANGED TO-DAY.

Bluebeard Gives Up Hope But Feels Pretty Good.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—For the fourth time since the conviction of Johann Hoch, preparations were today commenced for his execution. Hoch appeared in good spirits but announced that he had lost hope, and expected to die. "I feel fine," he said, "but I guess that I will have to die tomorrow. This is the fourth time I have been near death, and I guess this is the last time. I haven't any cause, but still I feel pretty good."

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JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Governor Stokes Selects Site for New Jersey Building.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 22.—The New Jersey Jamestown Exposition commission which passed to-day in Norfolk, will recommend to the State Legislature the appropriation of $60,000 for a State biulding and exhibit in addition to the $25,000 already appropriated.

The commission also expressed every confidence that the legislature would act favorably on the recommendation. The commission, headed by Governor Edward Stokes, arrived in Norfolk this morning at 7 o'clock on an official visit to the site of the Jamestown Exposition. They were met by a large delegation of exposition officials and citizens, and proceeded at once to the exposition grounds at Sewall's point.

Preceding the trip to the grounds they were entertained by Secretary Wynn Shepperd and other exposition officials at the Virginia Club. The party expressed their pleasure at the manner in which they were received and entertained by the people of Norfolk. They were also pleased with the exposition site and the progress that is being made for the ter-centennial opening. They showed deep interest in the historical celebration and declared that the people of their State were deeply interested in the event. While on the grounds they selected the site for the New Jersey building. Returning in the afternoon the party was entertained at the Virginia Club, by the members.

AWFUL DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Thirty Persons Injured, Three Fatally, at Pittsburg.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 22.—Thirty persons were hurt, three of whom will die, by the explosion today of a 200 pound charge of dynamite which was struck by a steam shovel at the Carnegie Steel Company's plant at Duquesne. The steam shovel was removing a slag pile that had been previously broken up with the explosive. During the breaking up process, one of the charges of dynamite was lost, and it is this one that exploded today. The big steam shovel fell to the ground a mass of twisted metal and splintered timber. Sharp flinty pieces of the slag were scattered in every direction, and added to these were pieces of splintered timber from the shattered shovel, which were hurled among a hundred Hungarian laborers, by the bursting of the boiler.

Harry O'Brien, 30 years old, a craneman, was scalded so badly he cannot live, while two of the Hungarians are in a like condition. Six others were found to be in a serious condition. The others were not seriously hurt.

MOMUS' TRIUPHAL ENTRY.

Brilliant Opening of New Orleans Mardi Gras Last Night.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 22.—Although there has been half a dozen balls by the various carnival cosleties, the popular celebration of the carnival of 1906 was ushered in tonight with the parade of the knights of Momus, ideal weather marking the occasion.

Railroad traffic has been abnormally heavy into New Orleans during the month and the hotels are already crowded.

A noisy reception was given the battleship Texas which arrived to-day in command of Captain G. A. Bicknell and with Admiral F. W. Dickens on board. The torpedo boats Dupont and Portner had already arrived.

Momus to-night celebrated his 36th entry into the city with a pageant of 17 floats, choosing "Leaves from Oriental literature" for his subject. The tableau produced the Folk-lore stories of India, China, and Japan, some of the latter taken from the writings of Lafcadio Hearn. A ball at the French opera followed the pageant.

The Senate yesterday in executive session ratified the treaty with South American countries relating to quarantine regulations. The treaty is similar to that with European countries. It was ratified without opposition.

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